

The Historic Maps Collection



The maps today serve as valuable records when the Bureau of Land Management needs to refer to a variety of property transactions that occurred early in the state's history.

What is this exhibit?

This exhibit features highlights of the historic map collection maintained by the New York State Office of General Services Bureau of Land Management. The collection includes approximately 800 maps that date from the 1600s to the late 1800s and tell the story of how New York State-owned lands were developed over the course of those three centuries.



Each map in the collection is unique. Some cartographers added customized touches, such as an illustration or an ornate compass rose.

